GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF ROAD FUNDS
KAILASH MEGHWAL

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a substantial amount allocated by the Union Government to the States for construction of roads particularly in Rajasthan is not being utilised;

(b) if so, the details of the amount disbursed and utilised by each State during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the States make full utilisation of the allocated amount; and

(d) the details of amount utilised by Rajasthan from the Central Road Fund for construction of roads and highways during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI]

(a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Government to motivate the States for full utilisation of funds:-

(i) The Ministry has been closely monitoring the expenditure incurred by each state vis a vis the allotment made to the concerned state. D.O letters have been issued at the level of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) to the Hon'ble Ministers of PWD of the defaulting States.

(ii) Ministry has adopted the direct payment system, for works taken up from Ninth Plan, in several States to avoid delay in payments to the contractors thereby ensuring timely utilisation of funds.

(iii) Ministry insists on Schedule of Rates being updated regularly for the preparation of estimates so that their revision may not be required. This ensures timely utilisation of funds.

(iv) The works sanctioned by the Ministry are de-sanctioned if the work is not started within the stipulated time.

(d) The details of amount utilised by Rajasthan from the Central Road Fund for construction of roads and highways during the Ninth Five Year Plan are given below:-

Year	Amount utilised from CRF (in Rs. crores)
1997-1998	0.00
1998-1999	0.00
1999-2000	0.00
2000-2001	4.17
2001-2002	55.00